

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-156: (Canceled)

Claims 157-191: (Canceled)

Claim 192: (Currently amended) ~~A method of communicating information, from a calling party connected to a telephone network that automatically provides caller identification information, to a called party having a portable communication device that is pageable by a paging system in communication with a message center, such message center in communication with the telephone network, comprising the steps of:~~

~~—— receiving at the message center caller identification information pertinent to the telephone of the calling party, provided automatically by the telephone network;~~

~~—— transmitting the caller identification information from the message center to the paging system; and~~

~~—— transmitting the caller identification information from the paging system to the portable communication device.~~

Under message originator control as to when a page including a message can be sent to a message center, a method of communicating information from a message originator having a telephone connected to a communications network that automatically provides caller identification information and a picture to a message recipient having a wireless portable communication device that is pageable over the communications network in communication with a message center, such message center in communication with the communications network, comprising the steps of:

initiating a message from a message originator to page a message recipient, the page being under the control of the message originator as to when the page is sent to a message center;

receiving at the message center as a result of the page message originator identification information provided automatically by the communications network as a caller ID identifying the telephone number of the message originator and a picture obtained from the message originator prior to transmitting the caller ID to the wireless portable communication device; and,

causing the communications network to wirelessly transmit the caller ID and the picture to the wireless portable communication device.

Claim 193: (Cancelled)

Claim 194: (Currently amended) The method of Claim 192, wherein the caller ~~identification information~~ ID comprises numeric data.

Claim 195: (Currently amended) The method of Claim 192, wherein the caller ~~identification information~~ ID comprises alphanumeric data.

Claim 196: (Currently amended) The method of Claim 192, wherein the caller ~~identification information~~ ID is provided as FSK data.

Claim 197: ((Currently amended) The method of Claim 192, wherein the caller ~~identification information~~ ID is provided from an ISDN connection.

Claim 198: (Currently amended) The method of Claim 192, further ~~comprising~~ including the step of:

obtaining verification from the ~~calling party~~ message originator prior to transmitting the caller ~~identification information~~ ID to the ~~paging system~~ wireless portable communication device.

Claim 199: (Currently amended) The method of Claim 192, further comprising:

obtaining optional data from the ~~calling party~~ message originator prior to transmitting the caller ~~identification information~~ ID to the ~~paging system~~ wireless portable communication device;

~~transmitting the optional data from the message center to the paging system; and,~~

transmitting the optional data ~~from the paging system~~ to the wireless portable communication device.

Claim 200: (Canceled)

Claim 201: (Currently amended) The method of Claim 192, further ~~comprising~~
including the step of:

compressing the ~~optional data~~ picture prior to transmission to the wireless
portable communication device.

Claim 202: (Currently amended) The method of Claim 192, further ~~comprising~~
including the step of:

encrypting the ~~optional data~~ picture prior to transmission ~~of the optional data~~ to
the wireless portable communication device.

Claim 203: (Currently amended) The method of Claim ~~199~~ 192, wherein the ~~optional~~
~~data is comprised of~~ picture includes a voice or video message which is transmitted to the
wireless portable communication device ~~with the caller identification information.~~

Claim 204: (Currently amended) The method of Claim 203, wherein the ~~optional data~~
voice or video message is compressed prior to transmission to the wireless portable
communication device.

Claim 205: (Currently amended) The method of Claim 203, wherein the ~~optional data~~
voice or video message is encrypted prior to transmission to the wireless portable
communication device.

Claim 206: (Currently amended) The method of Claim 199, further ~~comprising~~
including the step of:

storing the caller ~~identification information~~ ID and the optional data in contiguous
memory locations in the wireless portable communication device.

Claim 207: (Currently amended) The method of Claim 199, further ~~comprising~~
including the step of:

storing the caller ~~identification information~~ ID and the optional data in associated
non-contiguous memory locations in the wireless portable communication device.

Claim 208: (Currently amended) The method of Claim 199, further ~~comprising~~
including the step of:

comparing the received caller ~~identification information~~ ID with information
stored in an associated memory in the message center; and

selectively transmitting the caller ~~identification information~~ ID and the optional
data to the wireless portable communication device as a result of the comparison.

Claim 209: (Currently amended) The method of Claim 208, wherein the caller
~~identification information~~ ID is transmitted to the wireless portable communication
device only if the received caller ~~identification information~~ ID matches an entry in the
associated memory.

Claim 210: (Currently amended) The method of Claim 192, further-comprising
including the step of:

at the wireless portable communication device, annunciating the caller
identification information ID.

Claim 211: (Currently amended) The method of Claim 210, further-comprising
including the step of:

simultaneously displaying the caller-~~identification information ID~~ on a display of
the wireless portable communication device.

Claim 212: (Currently amended) The method of Claim 192, further-comprising
including the step of:

storing the caller-~~identification information ID~~ within the wireless portable
communication device; and

initiating a new connection over the ~~telephone communications~~ network by
transmitting the stored caller-~~identification data ID~~ to the ~~telephone communications~~
network.

Claim 213: (Currently amended) The method of Claim 192, and further-comprising
including the step of:

storing the caller-~~identification information ID~~ within the wireless portable
communication device; and

initiating a new connection over a cellular telephone network by transmitting the stored caller ~~identification data~~ ID to the cellular telephone network.

Claim 214: (Currently amended) The method of Claim 192, wherein the ~~paging system~~ communications network includes a cellular communication network and the wireless portable communication device ~~comprises~~ a combined cellular telephone device and pager device.

Claim 215: (Currently amended) The method of Claim 214, wherein the ~~paging system~~ communications network transmits the caller ~~identification information~~ ID to the wireless portable communication device utilizing the cellular communication network.

Claim 216: (Currently amended) The method of Claim 192, further ~~comprising~~ including the step of:

indicating to the ~~called party~~ message recipient that a message has been received;

accepting a password entered by the ~~called party~~ message recipient into the wireless portable communication device; and

providing voice signals representative of the caller ~~identification information~~ ID to the ~~called party~~ message recipient only upon entry of a valid password.

Claim 217: (Currently amended) The method of Claim 192, wherein the wireless portable communication device ~~comprises~~ includes a portable computing device having radio communications capabilities.

Claim 218: (Currently amended) The method of Claim 217, wherein the wireless portable computing device ~~comprises~~ includes a personal digital assistant.

Claim 219: (Currently amended) The method of Claim 217, wherein the wireless portable computing device has two-way radio communications capabilities.

Claim 220: (Currently amended) The method of Claim 192, further ~~comprising~~ including the step of:

applying the caller-~~identification information~~ ID to a voice synthesizer unit to generate voice signals representative of the caller-~~identification information~~ ID at the wireless portable communication device.

Claim 221: (Currently amended) The method of Claim 192, further ~~comprising~~ including the step of:

storing the caller-~~identification information~~ ID and the ~~optional data picture~~ in contiguous memory locations by the message center.

Claim 222: (Currently amended) The method of Claim 192, further-comprising
including the step of:

storing the caller-~~identification information~~ ID and the-~~optional data~~ picture in
associated non-contiguous memory locations by the message center.

Claim 223: (Cancel)